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January 7, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 3, AND 4 3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractor for the following:

Project ID No. APT5080167 - Whiteman Airport-Tower Access Road, vicinity of Pacoima (3), to Landshapes, in amount of \$152,991.04.

Project ID No. FCC0000783 - Dominguez Gap Barrier Project, Phase 4A, Unit 7B, Part 2B, Cities of Carson, Long Beach, and Los Angeles (2 and 4), to Mladen Buntich Construction Co., Inc., in amount of \$11,845,21.

Project ID No. RDC0013723 - Hacienda Boulevard, vicinity of Hacienda Heights (4), to Alliance Streetworks, Inc., in amount of \$336,864.50.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. APT5080167, FCC0000783, and RDC0013723.

The recommended construction contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2002-03 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal and State funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On August 13, 1991, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for Project ID No. APT5080167.

Each of the remaining projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program.

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. APT5080167, WHITEMAN AIRPORT-TOWER ACCESS ROAD
(in the vicinity of Pacoima), Supervisorial District 3

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of asphalt concrete pavement on base material, curb, and sidewalk; and the installation of chainlink fence and an electric gate.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: November 19, 2002 (Synopsis 47)

BID OPENING DATE: December 17, 2002

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Landshapes, a general partnership composed of Cynthia Lee and Barry Greenstein, both individuals 2445 Honolulu Avenue Montrose, California 91020 (818) 249-6900	\$152,991.04
2	Kahromic Contracting, Inc.	\$157,912.00
3	Allied Building Contractors, Inc.	\$171,488.00
4	Tyner Paving Company	\$220,961.95
5	*A & R Construction Corporation	\$244,453.00
6	Excel Paving Company	\$269,254.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$154,162.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$152,991.04
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 1,170.96

The amount of the recommended contract is less than 1 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Aviation Capital Project Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Landshapes Partnership has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a proposed DBE participation of 10 percent. This contract has a Federal-mandated DBE goal of 5 percent.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On August 13, 1991, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for the Whiteman Airport Master Plan. This project will implement a portion of the improvements included in the master plan.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in March and be completed in May 2003.

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January 7, 2002

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000783, DOMINGUEZ GAP BARRIER PROJECT, PHASE 4A, UNIT 7B, PART 2B (Cities of Carson, Long Beach, and Los Angeles)
Supervisory Districts 2 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: The construction of a water supply system, a compressed air system, a microfiltration treatment system, and an electrical system to service 34 injection wells currently under construction. The injection wells are an extension of the Dominguez Gap Barrier Project, which prevents the infiltration of seawater into groundwater aquifers.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: November 12, 2002 (Synopsis 65)

BID OPENING DATE: December 17, 2002

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Mladen Buntich Construction Co., Inc., a corporation 8823 Fenwick Street Sunland, California 91040 (818) 352-2709	\$11,845,221.00
2	Doty Bros. Equipment Co.	\$12,082,761.75
3	ARB, Inc.	\$12,696,178.00
4	Colich Construction, L. P.	\$12,798,099.50
5	Modern Continental Construction Company of California, Inc.	\$13,267,605.00
6	Steve Bubalo Construction Co.	\$19,283,008.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$12,535,005.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$11,845,221.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 689,784.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 5 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Mladen Buntich Construction Company, Inc., has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a DBE participation of 2 percent. This project does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 3, Subsections (c) and (d), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 250 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in March 2003 and be completed in April 2004.

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013723, HACIENDA BOULEVARD (in the vicinity of
Hacienda Heights), Supervisorial District 4

TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruction of roadway pavement, curb, gutter, sidewalk, and
curb ramps; construction of tree wells; removal, root pruning, and
planting of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: November 19, 2002 (Synopsis 48)

BID OPENING DATE: December 17, 2002

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Alliance Streetworks, Inc., a corporation 3873 East Eagle Drive Anaheim, California 92807 (714) 688-7165	\$336,864.50
2	Terra-Cal Construction, Inc.	\$344,492.90
3	*Ranco Corporation	\$347,136.04
4	Kalban, Inc.	\$366,170.15
5	Los Angeles Engineering, Inc.	\$371,180.10
6	Gentry Brothers, Inc.	\$373,994.50
7	*Olivas Valdez, Inc.	\$387,052.95
8	Tiffany Group, Inc.	\$412,473.50
9	*G-2000	\$455,038.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$449,997.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$336,864.50
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$113,132.50

The amount of the recommended contract is 25 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Alliance Streetworks, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(9) and (x)(14), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in March and be completed in May 2003.

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